Crisis in cashew industry in Kerala

1099. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware the Cashew industry which is the biggest traditional industry in Kerala is now facing crisis;

(b) whether Government have evaluated the reasons of the crisis,

(c) If so, what are the results of the evaluation; and

(d) what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSHI): (a) The cashew industry in Kerala, being predominantly in the small scale sector, is regulated by the State Government. The Government of Kerala , have not reported of a crisis in the Cashew Industry.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Relief given to families of terrorist victims in Punjab

1100. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HOME. AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a,) what relief is given to the families of such victims of terrorist activities in Punjab who happen to be work-charged employees in different departments of the State Government;

(b) what relief is given when such . victims are (i) regular employees and (ii) ad-hoc employees;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Governments consideration to treat the cases of work-charged employees at par with regular and/or ad-hoc employees in the matter of granting such relief;

• (d) if so, what are the **details** thereof;

(e) what is the number of work-charged employees killed by the terrorists and whose families have been relief at par with relief admissible **in** case of ordinary citizens during **the** last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PEN- . SIONS AND THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) to (a) Th_e information is being collected and will be laid on the **Table** of the House.

Impact of indiscriminate felling of trees in Nepal on the Indian Sub-continent

1101. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will-the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government'3 attention has been drawn to the danger tor ecology and environment created In Nepal due to the indiscriminate cutting down of forests as a result of non-availability of fuel as reported in th_e Far Eastern Economic Review dated the 1st June, 1989;

(b) whether it is also a fact **that** due to such continued deforestation silting in our rivers is likely to increase and also this may cause floods and droughts in our country; and

(c) if so, what i_s the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI SUMATl ORAON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no official intimation about deforestation taking place in Nepal. Deforstation in **any** catchment area will" lead to **increased**